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Student plays cricket
for the first time

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Men’s soccer opens
season vs. Valpo

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LOCAL
FutureGen
to meet
in Mattoon

Invitation-only
reception will be
held at Eastern

Staff Report

The FutureGen Alliance will be switching venues for its regular board meeting and meet in Mattoon as opposed to Washington D.C.

The alliance board of directors, a group of energy and coal producers, will discuss future project plans and is expected to announce developments with the alliance’s partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy, while visiting the future site of the energy plant today and Wednesday, according to a press release.

The directors will host an invitation-only reception today for 100 community members at Eastern’s campus.

A press conference, including Kristina Johnson, undersecretary for the U.S. Department of Energy, and Michael Mudd, chief executive officer of the alliance, will also be held today.

The FutureGen plant would convert coal to hydrogen without emitting carbon dioxide. The carbon dioxide in the coal would then be stored underground and turned into gas to fire the plant.

In June, the Energy Department announced it would commit a little more than a billion dollars of the \$2.4 billion estimated to build the facility in Mattoon. The department presumably left the alliance to pick up the rest of the construction tab.

The announcement received praise from the alliance after losing the large-scale Mattoon project in 2008.

The Energy Department, under the Bush administration, rescinded in January 2008 its plan to pay the bulk of the costs for the Mattoon project.

CAMPUS
Textbook Rental
raises late fees

By Bob Bajek
Associate News Editor

Because of lost revenue from students not returning books on time, Textbook Rental Service will raise its late fees beginning in the spring.

Students who drop or withdraw from a class would have to pay \$20 per book if they are late returning the book. This is up from \$5 this semester.

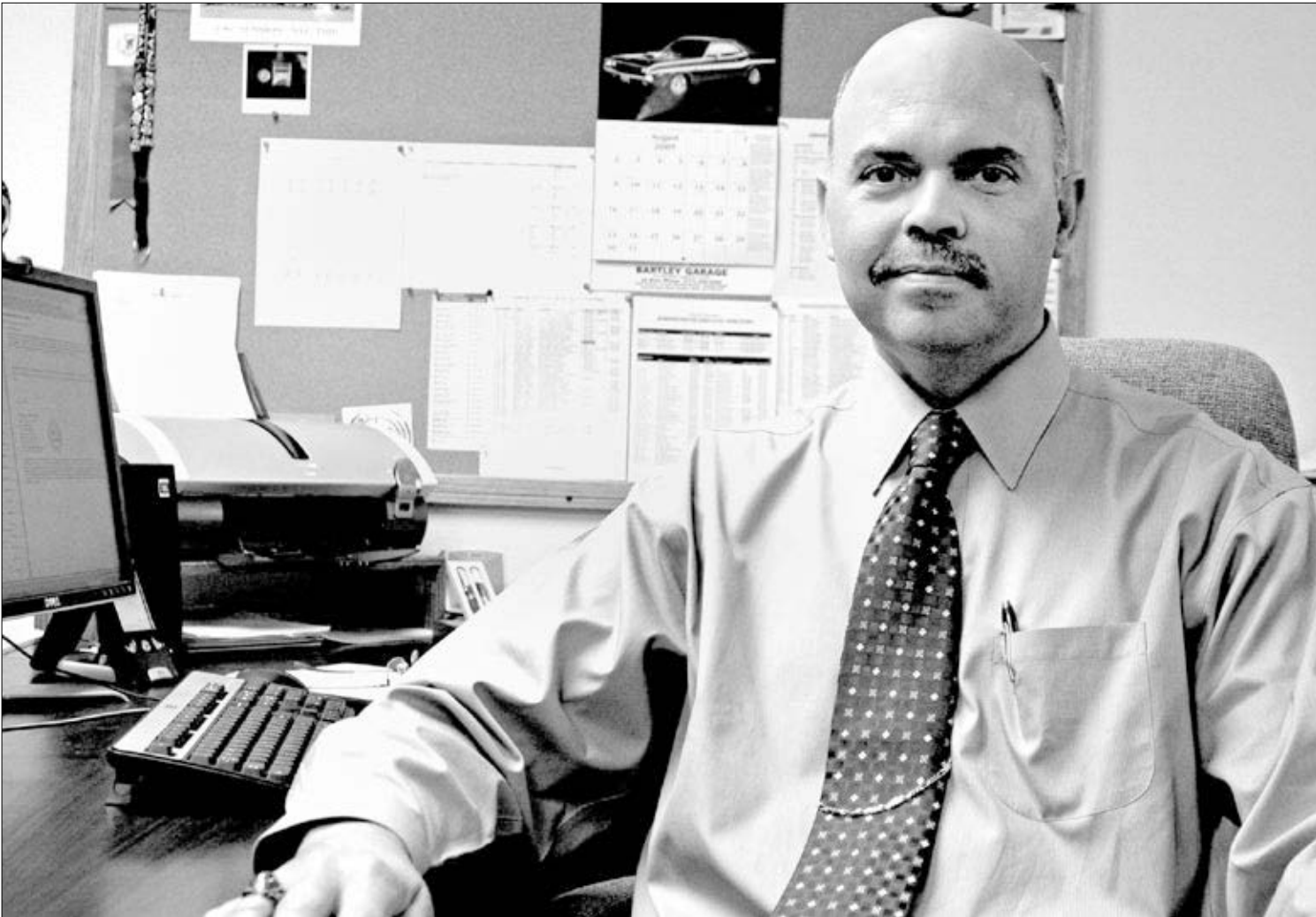
The late fine has increased to \$20 per book, too, if students do not return their books on time at the semester’s end. This fee is \$10 per book this semester.

These late charges of \$20 per book are in addition to the list price of each lost or damaged book as well as any books that are not returned by the five-day grace period following the designated deadline, according to the Textbook Rental Service Advisory Committee’s meeting April 13.

Students are required to return all textbooks for courses they have dropped/withdrawn

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CITY
Baker named full-time police chief



CODY RICH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Bryan Baker of the Charleston Police Department was recently promoted to chief of police.

Retired Jenkins
takes chief
position in Casey

By Stephen Di Benedetto
City Editor

City Manager Scott Smith attributed Bryan Baker’s professionalism

to Baker being named as the full-time police chief for the Charleston Police Department.

Baker, who has served as interim police chief since June 21, was informed of his permanent position late last week. He begins his first day as full-time police chief Monday.

“Bryan has proven he has the skills necessary to effectively manage the division,” Smith said. “He’s very professional, responsible and has the education and training necessary to fulfill the requirements of the position.”

Baker took over as interim after former Police Chief Mark Jenkins retired and took the chief position for the Casey Police Department, which has a smaller force than Charleston.

After being named interim, Baker said he had to adjust to new duties, mainly learning to work with the media and managing personnel issues. He said the transition, however, has been smooth.

Baker served as deputy police chief since May 2008 before switching to the interim position. He has been with CPD for 19 years.

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CAMPUS
‘DISCOVER’ the major right for you

By Sarah Ruholl
Administration Editor

Choosing a major can be difficult, especially for students who do not know what they want to do after graduation.

Career Services can help. It offers a program called DISCOVER to help students choose majors and career paths.

“DISCOVER is basically a self-assessment tool to give students an idea of what they might be interested in majoring in,” said Holly Andrews, Career Services’ externship coordinator.

Last year, 1,320 students used DISCOVER, whether for class, research or at an adviser’s referral.

To participate in the ACT-created program, students must request a username from Career Services, complete the three online inventories, which includes: interests, abilities and values tests, and have a meeting with a career counselor.

Some students may have completed a similar assessment in high school, but Andrews feels the college version has its advantages.

“The difference is when they take it in high

school, they don’t usually get the follow up,” she said.

Meeting with a counselor — like Bobbi Kingery, career adviser for the College of Arts and Humanities — helps students apply the results to their lives.

“We take the results further and see what is going to interest them and what their options are,” Kingery said.

The counselors consider career fields in the geographic area students want to live as well as their interests and abilities.

Kingery said the values section in the inventories helps the counselors find a career students will enjoy.

Andrews said the never-changing values can prove to be revealing.

“Your interests and abilities are going to change as you go through college and gain knowledge, but your values are going to stay the same,” Andrews said.

The online assessment takes between 30 and 45 minutes and the meeting takes about an hour in most cases.

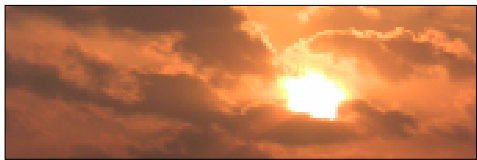
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How to sign up

DISCOVER will measure career interests, values, abilities and experiences and suggest certain career directions for students to investigate.

- A user ID is required in order to access DISCOVER. For a user ID, contact Career Services at 581-2412 or haandrews@eiu.edu.
- Once a user ID is issued, go to <http://www.act.org/discover/login>.
- If this is the first time using DISCOVER, enter the user ID. Leave the password box blank, and click submit. You will be asked to select a password.
- First-time Users may want to start with the brief tour and “World of Work Map.”
- If you have used DISCOVER before, enter your user ID and password, and click Submit. DISCOVER can be used any time from any Internet connection with this user ID and password.
- For more information, visit <http://www.eiu.edu/~careers/discover.php>.

WEATHER TODAY



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High pressure continues to dominate the Midwest this week bringing partly cloudy and mostly sunny skies. As the pressure cell begins to migrate to the east, southerly winds will warm the region on Thursday. Daytime highs will be in the low 80s for the end of the work week and weekend. No precipitation is expected.

WEATHER TOMORROW

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For more weather information: www.eiu.edu/~weather

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Homecoming meeting

The 2009 Homecoming Committee will have its first meeting with all Greeks, Registered Student Organizations and residence halls at 9:30 p.m. today in the Arcola/Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

WebCT orientation available for Students

The Gregg Technology Center is offering orientation sessions for students using WebCT (CE 8) at 3 p.m. today. These informational sessions will provide a demonstration of navigating WebCT and various features, including the communication, assessment and assignment tools.

Tuesday's session will be repeated at 3 p.m. Thursday and 5 p.m. Sept. 9. No registration is required.

BSU hosts Pillow Talk

The Black Student Union is hosting the "Let's Talk Series" at 7 p.m. today in 7th Street Underground. The topic is "Pillow Talk," an open discussion on sex. Admission is free.

—Compiled by
Associate News Editor Bob Bajek

CORRECTION

In Monday's edition of *The DEN*, Kelly Runyon's name was misspelled.

The DEN regrets the error.

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Do you want ketchup with that?



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Briana Bach, a freshman elementary education major, laughs at a joke made by Health Education Resource Center employees while putting ketchup on her hot dog Friday night at the intersection of Fourth Street and Lincoln Avenue. The HERC handed out free hot dogs, candy and condoms from a tent Friday in order to promote safe drinking behavior.

BLOTTER

Jonathan Whigham, 22, of Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol after a 1:15 a.m. Friday arrest at Fourth Street and Weller Hall, according to the University Police Department.

Shannon Whitley, 21, of Charleston, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and a blood alcohol content of more than 0.08 after a 1:50 a.m. Sunday arrest at Fourth Street and Lincoln Avenue, police said.

TODAY ON DENNEWS.COM



Let the English adventures begin

Travel to England with Doug T Graham and learn of his experiences playing cricket and learning various English customs in his study abroad blog.

MEETING

Faculty Senate to prepare for H1N1

Faculty Senate meets every other week to discuss certain topics affecting faculty and students. The senate will meet to discuss the H1N1 virus at 2 p.m. today in Booth Library, Room 4440. Sheila Baker, medical di-

rector of Health Service, and Health Service Director Lynette Drake will be the guest speakers.

—Compiled by Staff Reporter
Courtney Bruner

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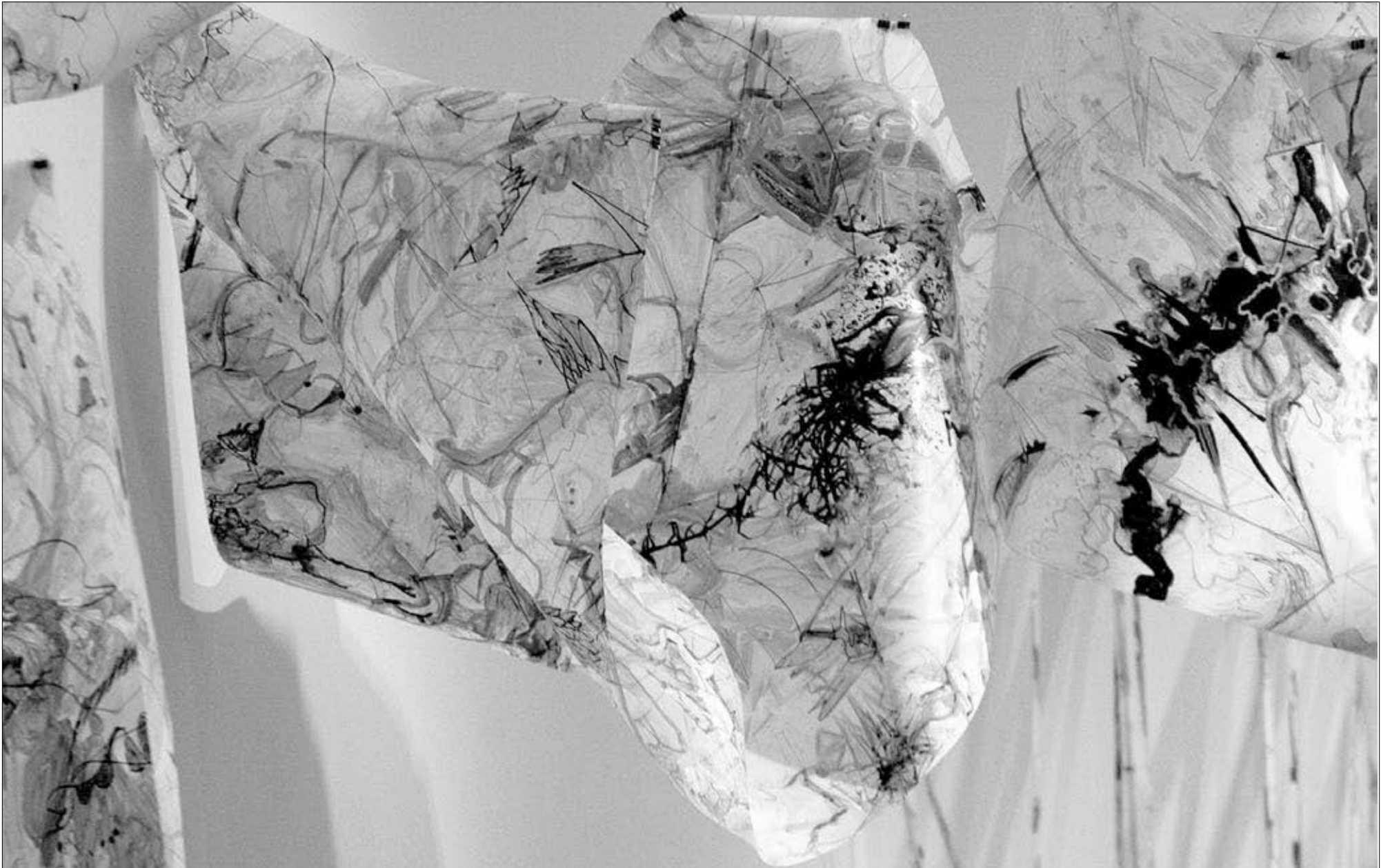
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CAMPUS



The Anna Jóelsdóttir: “Stone Black Heart Murmur” exhibit will be in Tarble Art Center through Oct. 9. AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jóelsdóttir’s art takes 3-D twist

Artwork grabs attention in Tarble Arts center.

By James Roedl
Staff Reporter

Artist Anna Jóelsdóttir uses her art to make sense of two separate worlds – her native Iceland and America.

“The process of doing art helps me bridge the gap between the

worlds I live in,” she said. “It keeps me grounded and sane. I’m in a constant dialogue to connect those two worlds — my family is there [Iceland] and I’m here.”

Jóelsdóttir said she tries to capture the landscape of the mind, while she thinks of Iceland.

Her exhibit, titled “Stone Black Heart Murmur,” is on display in the Tarble Arts Center from now until Oct. 9.

A non-traditional art style

Unlike the traditional one-dimensional paintings, Jóelsdóttir’s

art is bendable, foldable, twistable and formable.

“I think of these as paintings – paintings that I have folded and molded and curved into 3-D space,” she said. “I think of them as paintings that happen to use the 3-D space that our bodies use.”

Jóelsdóttir’s Eastern exhibit is her fourth attempt at this art style, which she said she is still learning what she can do along those lines.

“Sometimes, I like to see what I can do to make my paintings curve, and use up more of the space provided for them,” Jóelsdóttir said.

In her exhibit in Tarble, Jóelsdóttir’s paintings hang in the air, stick out of the walls and even climb into the light fixtures.

Her work resembles a shattered mix of colors, lines and forms – like hundreds of thoughts stretched across a sheet of paper.

Insight into her exhibition


Mike Watts, director of Tarble Arts Center, said the exhibition is called an installation.

“This is an art exhibition where, in most cases, the artist creates an environment in the gallery,” he

said.

Instead of having individual paintings or sculptures arranged in the gallery, the artist intentionally adapts the art to the gallery being used, Watts said.

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 **This story continues on DENnews.com**

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Supreme Court to hear first case

The Student Senate meeting, planned for Wednesday, is on a hiatus because of an inability to meet quorum.

In Student Supreme Court’s first act since its reinstatement last year, the court will determine today if the senate will be able to hold its meeting. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. today in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Quorum for Student Senate is 16 senators.

There are currently only 14 members in senate after several transferred, graduated or resigned.

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Emily Zulz

Bracing for impact

As week two of classes begins and the fall semester hits full swing, the light at the end of the tunnel slowly grows brighter.

That light culminates with my Dec. 19 graduation.

But the light that stands for the excitement and anticipation of an end to classes and homework is overshadowed by student loans looming in the distance like heavy clouds on the horizon.

By the end of my two and a half years at Eastern, after transferring here from a community college, I will have acquired \$16,643 in student loans.

With a standard repayment plan, I will have to start paying a fixed monthly amount starting six months after graduation for a loan term of up to 10 years, with a required minimum monthly payment of \$50.

Excluding interest, to pay off my loans in 10 years I will have to make a payment at least \$1,664 a year, about \$140 a month.

As a journalism major, it is my hope to find, at the least, an entry-level position with a newspaper.

A rough estimate for a beginning journalist at local paper Journal-Gazette/Times-Courier is around \$450 to \$500 a week.

With that number not including rent, groceries and bills, my current thought is very, “Woe is me.”

But I know I’m not alone.

About two-thirds (65.6%) of four-year undergraduate students graduated with a bachelor’s degree and some debt in 2007-08, and the average student loan debt among graduating seniors was \$23,186, according to the 2007-2008 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study.

Knowing this and finding comfort among the masses also in debt, the next step for anyone in my shoes is to come up with a game plan.

Here are my tips:
Know what you owe—Check!
Research payment option—Semi-check.

Besides the standard payment, other payment options are available to students – ones I still need to look into. With the graduated repayment plan, monthly payments are set to a lower number for the first several years and increase after that over 10 years.

An extended repayment plan allows for a fixed monthly payment schedule ranging from 12 to 30 years, depending on the number borrowed. Another option is the income-contingent repayment plan, which bases the monthly payments on the borrower’s income, family size and total loan payment for up to 25 years.

Set up exit counseling with the Financial Aid Office.

As stated on the financial aid’s Web site, exit counseling is required for all students shortly before graduating or ceasing at least half-time enrollment who have received Federal Direct Stafford Loan funds. Exit counseling can be completed on the Web at www.dl.ed.gov and electronically submitting the information.

Start planning money conservation measures early.

Eating out will have to decrease. More off-brand groceries will need to fill the cupboards.

And with a slight clothing addiction, I know once I have loan and more payments wracking up, I won’t be able to feed this addiction as often. When I’m walking down the aisles of Target or Forever 21, I’m going to have to “Just say no” to whatever boots, bangles or blouse that is my latest crave.

Ultimately, though, the light at the end of the tunnel is still there, even if the clouds of debt make it look like rain.

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“Tell the truth and don’t be afraid”

DAILY EDITORIAL

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

Massage chairs could prove to be a good investment for students

By now, most students, new and old, have started to feel college all over — both mentally and physically.

The real nature of higher education has started to sink in and that ‘new dorm smell’ is starting to fade, overpowered by an ever-growing pile of laundry and freshly printed homework assignments.

It’s the time of the semester when students are now making up for all their play with so much work, and it’s the time of year that stress can start to take a toll on one’s mind, body and spirit.

The Health Education Resource Center planned for such stress on students and has recently acquired four new massage chairs that can be used at any time to help relieve some of the tension.

These chairs — two of which are located in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, and the other two located in the 24-hour study lounge in the Union — could prove to be worth far more than the cost of \$1,300 each.

And better yet, according to a story that appeared in Friday’s edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, these chairs were not purchased with student fees.

The new chairs replace a pair of chairs that had been placed outside the New Student Programs Office located in the basement of the west wing of the Union, said Eric Davidson, assistant director of Health Service, in an e-mail Monday.

The original chairs were not meant for high-traffic areas, but still lasted nearly six years, the story said.

Davidson said these new chairs feature a leather covering, which allows for easier cleaning and sanitation, as well as calve massagers. The chairs also offer the option between a Swedish massage and shiatsu.

According to the story, the chairs were purchased as a part of totaleiU, an initiative focused on overall health.

“Because, let’s face it, while there are places that offer a legitimate massage in Charleston, not many students can afford the price or time.”

The final decision to purchase them was made by a committee comprised of representatives from HERC, Health Service, the Union, the counseling center and other departments.

Considering the cost of the chairs, the options they offer and the relief they could potentially provide for any number of students, it is comforting to know the university has put thought into something as often overlooked as students’ physical comfort and stress relief.

Davidson said the numbers of chairs and their placement was determined mainly by funding.

“We had considered placing them in the Student Recreation Center to go along with the totaleiU wellness counter,” he said. “However, we felt that by placing them in the Union, we would be able to have a wider reach and possibly expose some students who might never go to the Rec Center.”

Davidson went on to say the chairs “help alleviate symptoms of stress, provide a few moments of relaxation and allow individuals some time to regroup, meditate and put things in perspective.”

One would be hard-pressed to argue with that logic. Though some might be inclined to point out there were better ways to spend nearly \$5,200, knowing that money came from other revenue sources and not out of the pockets of students, it seems to be a thrifty way to offer students some much-needed rest and relaxation.

Because, let’s face it, while there are places that offer a legitimate massage in Charleston, not many students can afford the price or time.

So when the assignments start to pile up and midterms and finals start to loom, it is good to know one needs only to make the short trip to the Union to find some reprieve. And it’s nice to know Eastern administrators are looking out for our best interests — both mentally and physically.

FROM THE EASEL



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CORRECTION

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, was misquoted in a story about cell phone use in Wednesday’s edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Lord told faculty senators that professors could be held accountable if they banned cell phones in their classrooms without making sure someone in the classroom can receive e-mail alerts about danger on campus.

The DEN regrets the error.

BEST COMMENT FROM THE WEB

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helped, and my major was totally unrelated to sports management/promotion. The potential of “Panther Nation” helping athletics at EIU and helping students get resume material/experience is unlimited. Student organizations in different majors (such as Marketing) could get involved to help EIU and themselves.”

EIU alum, 8/30/09

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Baker said he would try to continue to integrate certain initiatives within the department.

"I hope to continue to build upon things Chief Jenkins started," he said.

These initiatives include enhancing recruitment, outreach to the community, and working with Eastern's administration and police force.

He said he wants to work with Eastern's Student Life Office in organizing activities, such as expanding the Good Neighbor program.

Smith said Baker showed he was extremely capable of managing the department since his appointment in June.

Smith informed the City Council, which does not need to approve the appointment, of his intentions to make Baker the full-time chief in a closed session Aug. 18.

Smith said the council has supported the decision.

Mayor John Inyart said the department seems to like Baker's leadership and has adjusted well to the change in leadership.

"He has shown himself to be organized and professional," he said. "I think he has shown himself to be worthy of the support of his department."

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DISCOVER, page 1

"I often, with some students, will have a follow-up meeting," Kingery said. "You can't always figure it out in an hour."

Although pinning down a specific career path takes some time, DISCOVER puts students and counselors on a faster track.

"It gives us a lot of information on students quickly so we can focus our question," Kingery said.

The program is presented to students and parents at freshman Panther Debut Orientation Days during the summer to help students start in the right direction.

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Steven Nwokocha entertains students in 7th Street Underground with his rendition of Brian McKnight's "Love of My Life" Monday night at Open Mic.

Diversity adds laughs to BSU's Open Mic

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
Activities Editor

Comedy to Poetry. Rap and hip hop to an acoustic guitar and a harmonica.

The Black Student Union's Open Mic Night was filled with diversity Monday in 7th Street Underground.

"This was the first time we had Caucasians perform, and it was our first comedy act," said DeMarlon Brown, president of the BSU.

Anthony Boyd, a freshman theater arts student, was the first comedy act for a BSU Open Mic Night.

"I have been performing all summer and probably did about 30 shows," Boyd said. "I would eventually like to be a stand-up comedian."

His act was all about the day he moved in at Eastern.

"It was a lot of big, nervous pressure, but once you step into it, you can't back down," Boyd said.

He reflected on his mom saying goodbye, dealing with student pro-

grams and having a roommate who happens to be his cousin.

Performing an original piece titled "Destiny" was Tru Calling, a duet group that includes Brittany "Bri" Willis, a freshman music major.

"We got together after we heard each other singing in the hallway (in high school)," Willis said.

The duo has performed for five years.

"It was (a) nervous thing, but our feedback was good," Willis said.

A few familiar faces were seen as well throughout the night.

Performers from last semester's "So You Think You Can Rap?" event included a show Brandon "B. Woods" Woods, an undecided major, who rapped with a "soap-on-a-rope" around his neck.

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within two working days for regular on-campus courses or five working days for courses offered through the School of Continuing Education, and immediately after end-of-semester deadlines.

Carol Miller, deputy director of Textbook Rental, said her office is not using this fee as a source of revenue for the new Textbook Rental building being constructed on Edgar Drive.

The new facility costs \$2.85 million, which will be funded entirely by student fees, including a \$1 per credit hour increase to \$9.95 per credit.

She said these fees are incentives to prevent students from not giving

back their books on time or at all. Textbook rental has been losing money from its budget to reacquire non-returned books.

Back in the spring 2007 semester, Textbook Rental had to pay about \$10,000 to replace books that students failed to give back.

Tory Jackson, a sophomore family


consumer science major, can see why Textbook Rental is raising the fines.

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Sophomore middle blocker Melanie Boykins spikes the ball during practice Monday afternoon in Lantz Fieldhouse.

Closing out matches crucial to success

By Kevin Maras
Staff Reporter

The Eastern volleyball team went into last weekend’s Indiana-Purdue-Fort Wayne tournament looking for a fresh start to a new season. After coming out of the first two matches against Kent State and IPFW with victories, the Panthers fell short two matches in a row including a three set sweep against Butler (21-25, 22-25, 17-25) and a five set heartbreaker (25-21, 26-28, 25-16, 25-27, 15-12) against Drake University.

As opposed to previous seasons where the Panthers may have been content with a 2-2 record coming out of a tournament, the mindset for the team coming out of the IPFW tournament is anything but.

“We have to learn how to finish matches,” head coach Alan Segal said.

Closing out sets was a struggle over the weekend for Eastern especially against Drake Saturday afternoon.

After amounting an early 6-3 lead to open the match, Segal decided to run a 6-2 offense for the first time in the tournament, leading to an 8-2 run by the Bulldogs. If the Panthers are going to succeed this season, they feel they will need to learn to close out

their matches, and that will probably start with basic fundamentals.

“We played hard, but not very good, fundamental volleyball,” Segal said.

Junior outside hitter Alex Zwettler said there are a variety of things the team still needs to improve on.

“We need to work on our defense and picking up the speed of the ball,” Zwettler said.

Standout Performances

Though the Panthers won only two of four matches over the weekend, breakout performances were witnessed throughout the entire tournament. Zwettler recorded four double-double performances, putting up double digits in digs and kills in each of the four matches at the IPFW tournament.

Junior outside setter and transfer Kylie Cavanah was a key part of the offense over the weekend, recording 42 assists against Kent State.

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and play. This season, I feel like everyone on the roster could come in and contribute.”

Eastern lost its top goal scorer from last season in Brad Peters (nine goals), who graduated and now works as a graduate assistant.

Harrison, who was the team’s second-leading scorer last season with eight goals and seven assists, said he would like to improve his numbers from last season.

He said he does not feel a burden

with Peters gone because of the quality of the younger players.

“Those guys came in and they were very confident and added something to our team and our training,” Harrison said. “Last season, myself and (Peters) shared some of the goal scoring opportunities with the offense. This season I expect some of the younger guys to step up.”

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the Ohio Valley Conference Championships, while Iaun took 24th in 27:08.50. Holm, who last year finished in 27th place with a 27:21.30 at the OVC Championships, said today’s meet will serve as a stepping stone between summer training and upcoming races and will also be a chance to see who did their work over the summer.

“We just want to get out there and race hard,” Holm said. “It’s a low-key

meet that we should be expecting to win. We want to see guys up front in the lead pack.”

The lead pack in today’s race will still be missing a familiar face. Red-shirt sophomore Brad LaRocque, who was expected to return after missing last season because of a pelvic stress fracture, will not compete at Millikin. Masanet cited fatigue from summer training as the reason LaRocque will not return as soon as anticipated.

“He’s been a little bit tired, and this meet doesn’t have much bearing on our season,” Masanet said.

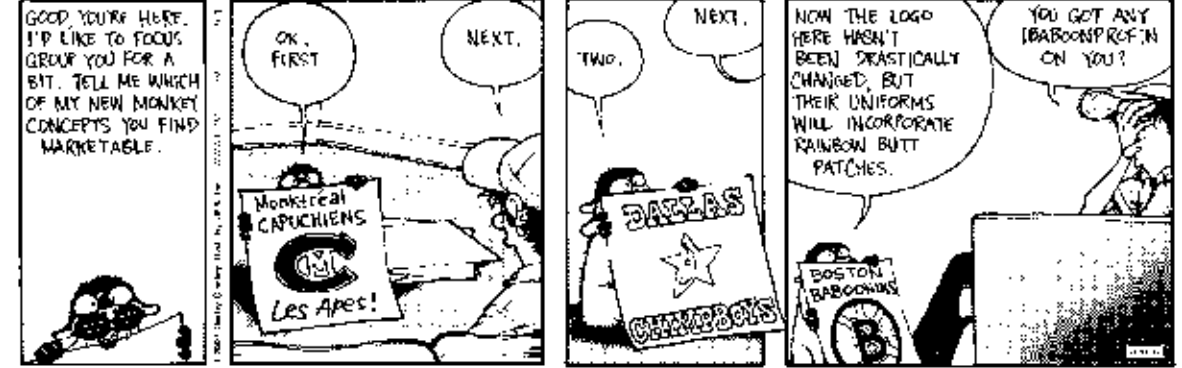
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4 "Stat!"

8 Seven-up and crazy eights

13 Lennon's second wife

14 Jane of "Monster-in-Law"

16 Disco-era suffix

17 "Sure thing"

20 Note in an E major scale

21 Word before sheet or music

22 Loughlin of "90210"

23 Bygone despot

25 Outfielder's asset

28 "Chances are good"

33 "___ Said" (Neil Diamond hit)

34 ___ Lama

35 "It could go either way"

41 Like dessert wines

42 Water co., e.g.

43 "Doubtful"

50 Turned on

51 Studio constructions

52 Close by

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1 "The Jungle Book" hero

2 Oneness

3 Insect monster of Japanese film

4 Get an ___ effort

5 Borscht, e.g.

6 Amazon ___ (aggressive insect)

7 "Stat!"

8 Shocked reaction

9 F.B.I. worker: Abbr.

10 "You don't mean ME?!"

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26 Thing to play

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32 God, in Roma

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MEN'S SOCCER | EASTERN VS. VALPARAISO



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Freshman goalkeeper Shailer Thomas jumps to make a save during the exhibition victory against Butler University Aug. 25. The men's soccer team opens its season at 5 p.m. today against Valparaiso at Lakeside Field.

New faces abound in opener

As many as six freshmen could see action today

By Dan Cusack
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior defender Chris Pearson is one of the Eastern men's soccer players considered a veteran compared to the rest of his teammates. Pearson — who started 37 matches over the past three seasons — is one of only five seniors on a

team with nine new players. So when he said this was the hardest preseason he has ever been part of, well, you should believe him. "This year we have been lifting in-season, which is something we have never done before," Pearson said. "This preseason has been all about pushing our bodies to the limits so we will be better down the stretch of games, something we struggled with last season." Junior forward Alex Harrison said the team worked on its fitness three times a day over a 4-5 day

stretch. The fitness included running in the morning, middle of the day and the night. The Panthers will test their fitness today as they begin their season against Valparaiso at 5 p.m. at Lakeside Field. Eastern head coach Adam Howarth said the Crusaders play a similar style to Eastern in that they are a high-pressure team. "(Valparaiso head coach) Mike Avery has instilled a great work ethic in his players," Howarth said. "This should be a tough match just like it was last season."

The game will be a welcome to many new players, who joined the team this season. Howarth said all six freshmen could see action in the match. In the preseason, as many as seven new players started matches. Pearson said this group of freshman is the best that has come in as a class since he has been playing at Eastern. "They could not have come in more fit and ready to play," Pearson said. "In the past, I felt like we had 12 or 13 guys who could come in

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CROSS COUNTRY | MILLIKIN "5K WITH A VIEW"

Season starts with 'low-key' race

Team confident entering Millikin

By Jeff Jurinek
Staff Reporter

The men's and women's cross country teams kick off the 2009

season today at the Millikin "5K with a View" with a simple and realistic goal in mind: To race as a team. "One of our main goals is to run as a pack," junior Caitlin Napoleoni said. "We're one of the better teams, so we should be able to do good overall." The race is held at Hickory Point

Golf Course at 5:30 p.m. in Decatur. The Eastern runners and coaches are describing the season opener at Millikin as a "low-key," shorter-distance meet that should offer a good opportunity for both teams to do well. However, head coach Geoff Masanet stressed that the most important expectation is for the Pan-

thers to run in groups, race hard and do it together. On the men's side, the Panthers are led by a strong core of returning seniors, including Mario Castrejon, Aaron Iaun and Dave Holm. Last season, Castrejon was the Panther's No. 2 runner and finished 19th overall with a 26:58.20 8K at

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Dan Cusack

Harrison to play big role this season

Last season when a team played the Eastern men's soccer team, there was plenty of firepower up front to have opposing defenses worried. Forwards Brad Peters and Alex Harrison torched opposing defenses throughout the season as they combined for nine and eight goals, respectively. The second a team stepped foot on the pitch, its defense would have to identify No. 10 (Peters) and No. 7 (Harrison) immediately. This season, Harrison will not have Peters by his side. With Peters graduated, the Panthers may need him to contribute right away and take over as the main threat for scoring goals. In the preseason, Harrison picked up right where he left off last season. He scored three goals in three preseason games, including a free kick against St. Xavier (Chicago), and scored twice in the inter-squad game. He almost added another goal in the pre-season finale against Butler, but the ball hit the post on an open net. This season looks prime to the coming out party for the 6-foot-3 junior forward. After scoring five goals his freshman season, Harrison came back last year and netted eight. He improved his four assists from 2007 to seven in 2008.

With two years of collegiate soccer under his belt, one can imagine what he will be able to do this season. He said the preseason fitness training was grueling and put him into fantastic shape. Harrison said he was ready for the year without Peters and said each season he wants to get better and be a more productive member of the team. He said he knows the younger players on the team will step up and help with the offense as he did with Peters a year ago. The young players on Eastern should step up sooner rather than later, but no one knows how long it will take because many have never played collegiate soccer before. Senior defender Chris Pearson said this was the best group of newcomers he has seen in his three years at Eastern. If that group of freshmen follow through with success this season, offense may not take a huge hit with the departure of Peters. There is no doubt in my mind Harrison will have another terrific year and improve his play during 2009 season. This year, teams will not see No. 10, but will still have trouble trying to stop No. 7.

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